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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR SAN JOSE CONFERENCE-COLOMBIAN POSITIONS

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1. AS INSTRUCTED, EMBASSY EMPHASIZED AND DISCUSSED WITH FONMIN POINTS RAISED IN PARA 4, REFTEL.

2. THE FONOFF IN A NOTE VERBALE HAS GIVEN US ITS VIEWS ON THESE SUBJECTS, AS FOLLOWS:

3. COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY.

"DURING THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM AND PROPOSE MEASURES FOR ITS RESTRUCTURING, AND IN INFOMAL CONTACTS DURING THE FIFTH ORDINARY ASSEMBLY IN WASHINGTON, THE BEGINNING OF AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED BETWEEN THE VARIOUS DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING THAT OF THE U.S., ACCORDING TO WHICH THE CONCEPT OF "ECONOMIC SECURITY" COULD BE INTRODUCED, SOLELY IN PRINCIPLE (EN SU PARTE PURAMENTE DOGMATICA), EXCLUDING PROVISIONS SIGNIFYING COMPULSORY PROCEDURES THAT MIGHT IMPLY LIMITATIONS TO THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE STATES".

4. ARMED ATTACHES FROM OUTSIDE THE HEMISPHERE.

"THIS SUBJECT, AS WAS THAT OF FIXING THE GEOGRAPHIC
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LIMITS OF THE AREA INCLUDED BY THE INTER-AMERICAN TREATY

OF RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE, WAS DISCUSSED IN THE COMMISSION AND AN ARTICLE WAS DRAWN UP THAT APPARENTLY WILL NOT PRESENT SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES IN SAN JOSE".

5. "THERE IS ONLY ONE PROBLEM OF NUANCE (MATIZ); IF IN THE EVENT OF AN EXTRATERRITORIAL AGGRESSION, THE MATTER SHOULD AUTOMATICALLY BE STUDIED BY THE U.N. OR CONTINUE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE OAS".

6. LIFT SANCTIONS BY MAJORITY VOTE.

"...THE GOC AGREES WITH THE USG...THAT THE...

PROPOSAL WOULD CORRECT AN OBVIOUS ERROR IN THE TREATY. BUT THE GOC BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE (SAN JOSE CONFERENCE) SO THAT, AFTER SIGNING THE PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE TREATY AND, ESPECIALLY ARTICLE 17, ALREADY APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION, ALL THE GOVERNMENTS BE LEFT AT LIBERTY TO LIFT INDIVIDUALLY THE SANCTIONS ON CUBA, IF THEY WISH...IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHAT WAS SUGGESTED IN THE FIFTH OAS ASSEMBLY IN WASHINGTON, IT SEEMS THE APPROPRIATE METHOD WOULD BE THAT, ONCE THE PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENTS WAS APPROVED, THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION BE CONVOKED, WHICH WOULD BE COMPOSED OF THE PLENIPOTENTIARIES

ACCREDITED TO SAN JOSE, SO THAT BY MEANS OF A RESOLUTION APPROVED BY STATUTE WITH A MAJORITY VOTE, ALL THE MEMBER STATES WILL BE AT LIBERTY TO RENEW OR NOT RENEW THEIR RELATIONS WITH CUBA".

7. IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN AFTERTHOUGHT, THE GOC RECOMMENDS THAT, IN REGARD TO THE AMENDMENT OF THE RIO TREATY, THE USUAL OAS PRACTICE BE FOLLOWED, BY WHICH CONDITIONAL VALIDITY IS ACCORDED TO TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS PENDING RATIFICATION.

8. THE GOC HAS NOT YET PUBLICLY NAMED ITS DELEGATION TO THE SAN JOSE CONFERENCE. THE MINISTER TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE (THE MINISTER) WOULD NOT RPT NOT ATTEND THE CONFERENCE AFTER ALL, AND THAT THE COLOMBIAN OAS REP WOULD HEAD THE DELEGATION.

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